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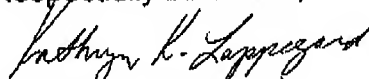
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendment under 37 CFR 1.312

Applicant respectfully requests that the amendment to the specification under 37 CFR 1.312 be entered in order to update the cross-reference to related applications to reflect the abandonment of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/740,682 and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/297,418. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment after allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the Applicant's representative in order to expedite the resolution of this issue.

Respectfully submitted,


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